

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 487

S. P. 179

In Senate, January 31, 1973

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Cyr of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Appropriating Funds to Renew Senior Citizens Program.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the said 90-day period will not terminate until after April 1 of the current fiscal year; and

Whereas, a noon luncheon program for senior citizens has now ceased operation due to the fact funds are no longer available from federal sources; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Department of Health and Welfare from the General Fund the sum of \$23,000 to assist in the development of greater community services to Maine's Elderly citizens, particularly meals programs previously operated with federal funds that now have expired. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF	
Older Americans Act	
All Other	\$23,000

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to renew a noon luncheon program for senior citizens in the Van Buren area, which previously operated with the assistance of federal funds. It is estimated that 25,000 meals would be served annually to an average of 100 older people per day, 5 days a week.

Previously the program operated with substantial success and over \$1,900 in community support from municipal government, local churches, a donated vehicle and volunteer drivers who took meals to shut-ins.

The Town of Van Buren has already earmarked \$1,500 to assist this program and other community support is expected to continue being available.